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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 16, 2022

Re: Roscoe Nix Elementary School Community Sidewalk Proposal

Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRTS) has designated the following roadways for sidewalk installation to facilitate safe pedestrian routes to the Roscoe Nix Elementary School:

- North side (even-numbered homes) of **Oakview Drive** from **Dilston Road** to **New Hampshire Avenue**;
- South side (odd-numbered homes) of **Oakview Drive** from **Dilston Road** to **Parham Place**.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide program that aims to significantly improve safety for students who walk and bike to school. The Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations Division (DTEO) manages and administers the County's Safe Routes to Schools program for MCDOT. Installing or improving sidewalks, crosswalks, curb extensions and traffic signs in the vicinity of schools is the major goal of the County's Safe Routes to School Program.

DTEO staff conducted a Safe Routes to School walk audit that identified missing sidewalk connections throughout the Roscoe Nix Elementary School walkshed. Enclosed, please find a project location map identifying the limits of the proposed sidewalks, the anticipated construction impacts to the County's public right of way, the County's certified arborist's tree report, SRTS frequently asked questions, a public hearing notice and a written testimony form. Your testimony and comments are beneficial to our office for addressing any issues or concerns prior to construction.

The Arborist's tree report discloses what right of way trees will need to be removed to make way for the sidewalk installation, as well as any protective measures that may be taken to maintain the health of existing trees during construction. Please know that Montgomery County does not take tree removal lightly. Trees are beautifully majestic and a strong ally in our fight against climate change. In adherence with the Department of Environmental Protection's requirements related to required tree removals, three trees will be planted for every one tree removed.

As part of the final decision-making process and pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code, a virtual public hearing will be held on January 18, 2023, to present the project details and obtain resident testimony. The public hearing notice is enclosed. Registration is required to attend the hearing; details for registering are provided on the enclosed notice. Please note, written testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony provided at the hearing. All written testimony and comments must be received by the close of the Hearing Record on February 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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Residents residing adjacent to the potentially impacted public right of way are welcome to schedule a field visit at their property to have their questions answered. If you would like to request a field visit at your property, please contact Will.Wu@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of the enclosed proposal. We look forward to receipt of your written testimony and to hearing from you at the public hearing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Safe Routes To Schools' Engineer II, Hamed Ahangari at hamed.ahangari@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

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Safe Routes to Schools Program

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